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JETS FALL TO FLYERS IN OT

The Philadelphia Flyers' Wayne Simmonds tries to jump over a shot while screening Jets goaltender Ondrej Pavelec at the MTS Centre Sunday night. The Jets finished their four-game home stand with a 4-3 overtime loss to the Flyers. TREVOR HAGAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

21-year-old dead, driver on the run

Fatal crash. Police
look for driver of
second vehicle who
may have information



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The young man sent to hospital in critical condition after a hit and run on Inkster Boulevard Friday night has died.

Friends and family have identified the victim as 21-year-old Cody Joss.

Joss was crossing Inkster Boulevard northbound at McGregor Street when a dark coloured pickup truck heading westbound on Inkster Boulevard hit him.

The driver of the pickup truck fled before another driver stopped and called police to the scene around 6:45 p.m.

"Clearly there was a significant impact and our victim sustained critical injuries," said police spokesman Const. Jason Michalyshen, who wouldn't speculate on why the driver didn't remain at the scene.

"If they intentionally drove off or there's other circumstances at play here, it's incredibly irresponsible."

"We're optimistic that

we'll have further details in the near future."

Michalyshen couldn't say whether the victim or the truck had the right of way at the time of the crash.

Police released further details Sunday, asking the public for help tracking down the driver of a second vehicle, a car, seen driving in the same direction as the suspect vehicle right after Joss was hit.

Michalyshen said police don't think the driver of the car had anything to do with the accident, but investigators hope they may have information about the crash and or the suspect vehicle.

Anyone with information can contact investigators at the Central Traffic Unit can at 204-986-6271.



Friends and family have identified the man killed in a hit and run at Inkster Boulevard and McGregor Street Friday as Cody Joss, 21.

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Theresa Oswald gets support in campaign to oust premier

Leadership run. Four ex-cabinet ministers, government staffers and former top Selinger adviser Anna Rothney were at her campaign launch

Former Manitoba health minister Theresa Oswald has laid out the ground game for her bid to topple her own party leader and premier.

Oswald told several dozen supporters at her leadership campaign launch on Sunday that the NDP cannot win re-election with Greg Selinger at the helm. She also said the next election cannot be given to a Progressive Conservative party she accused of being "anti-gay, anti-women."

Oswald pointed to Tory leader Brian Pallister's voting record, including his opposition to same-sex marriage a decade ago in Parliament. Pallister also last year opposed a new Manitoba law that requires schools to accom-

modate gay student support groups.

Oswald also pointed to the recent Tory nomination of James Teitsma, a former religious lobbyist with an organization that opposes abortion and same-sex marriage. Teitsma will carry the Tory banner in the Radisson constituency in east Winnipeg.

"These are the true colours (of the Tories), people," Oswald said.

"We cannot have someone with their hands at the wheel who only wants to govern for the privileged few and not for all Manitobans. It's a real risk."

Ron Lemieux, a long-time minister who currently holds the Culture and Tourism portfolio, will continue to serve in Selinger's cabinet while publicly backing the woman trying to oust the premier. Lemieux said he and others have received assurance from Selinger that they will not face retribution.

A Tory spokesman rejected Oswald's accusation that the party is anti-woman and anti-gay.



Theresa Oswald is the first to file papers for the NDP leadership race. SAMANTHA SAMSON/FOR METRO

"It's a ridiculous statement" Mike Brown said Sunday. "I wouldn't work for an organization that is anti-

woman or anti-gay. Neither would our MLAs."

The Tories opposed Bill 18 largely because it failed

to provide real measures to combat bullying in schools, Brown said.

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Dead babies found in locker were stillborn: Lawyer

A lawyer representing a woman accused of hiding the remains of six infants in a U-Haul storage locker says he believes the babies were stillborn.

Greg Brodsky wouldn't say why he thinks that, only that the preliminary autopsy report doesn't suggest "there was life after birth." He hasn't received a full autopsy report to confirm that.

"There was no evidence of life after birth and we say they were stillborn," Brodsky said Friday. "My information is that they were stillborn."

The remains still have to be X-rayed to determine whether any bones were broken, Brodsky said, and there is no evidence the "products of conception" were poisoned. DNA tests are still outstanding.

"There was nothing done

by whoever the mother was to cause a death or prevent a live birth," Brodsky said. "I need confirmation of that."

Brodsky said preliminary autopsy results suggest the remains are "ancient" — from between eight and 10 years ago. Maggots from the Winnipeg storage locker have been sent to British Columbia to determine exactly how old the remains are, he said.

Andrea Giesbrecht, 40, is facing six charges of concealing the bodies. She also faces unrelated fraud charges and a count of breaching a court order.

Giesbrecht has been in custody since her arrest in October following the discovery of the remains by employees at the U-Haul facility. Employees called police after smelling a strong odour and seeing

"squishy bags."

Police said at the onset it could take months of forensic examination before it's known who the parents were, how the infants died and whether they were full term. Brodsky initially argued that if the remains turned out to be less than 20 weeks' gestation, they would not be considered children under the law.

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Passing the torch, or rather, the ball

'Tradition breeds tradition.' Mike Raimbault has taken part in Wesmen Classic as player, assistant coach and now head coach

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The Wesmen Classic is a holiday mainstay for Winnipeggers. The basketball tournament is in its 48th year, and coach Mike Raimbault said he's been a part of it for 15 of them.

"My first Classic was in the 1999-2000 season with Brandon," said Raimbault, head coach for the Wesmen men's basketball team. "I was a guard, but I mostly played bench."

As a university freshman in Brandon, Raimbault didn't get much time on the court, but his love of the game stayed. Raimbault has seen the Wesmen Classic as a player, assistant coach and now head coach.

"I see so many people come back that have played in it or coached in it, were a part of it or won it way back in 1985 or whatever," said Raimbault. "Tradition breeds tradition, I think."

For Raimbault, the tournament isn't solely about the winning title. Although he said he's focused on his team's success, it's the Junior Varsity games that show off the tournament's energy and the players' love for their sport.

"They're young and they're not concentrating on the things we are, so they're just



Ryan Oirbans and Mike Raimbault are ready for next week's Wesmen Classic.
SAMANTHA SAMSON/FOR METRO

out there playing," said Raimbault. "You get a chance to remember when you were there, trying to get to where you're at."

Raimbault has yet to win a Wesmen Classic while coaching, but said he's working with his team for that first-place slot. A big part of success is long-term practice and Ryan Oirbans, a forward for the Wesmen, said Raimbault

is doing his best to keep the team in shape over the winter break.

"It's a tough period because everyone's got a pretty big break after exams and going home," said Oirbans. "We've had one practice just to get our bodies moving. We go back to practice the 26th."

The 48th Wesmen Classic starts Dec. 27 and runs until Dec. 30.

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Every year, when it comes to shopping for presents, I create my own theme and work off of that.

One year I was going to Nunavut in December anyway so I decided that everyone would receive a gift that was made there. I think that's how it started.

Other themes have included everyone getting a magazine subscription, an "all gifts must be purchased in Osborne Village" theme, an all Manitoba-made gifts theme ... and other variances.

These themes are actually me getting away from my roots a bit, and this year I've decided to get back to the real me. It's not a theme per se, but a personal challenge.

Maybe it's a bit cliché being a guy, but I will be doing all of my shopping on Christmas Eve.

Actually, I will be neither shopping nor browsing, just buying. If I walk into your store, I'm a sure thing.

Tons of people will think this is a stupid plan, but I love the pressure. Being up against a deadline adds an extra element of adventure to the process. It's probably when I do my best work.

The key is simply having a plan going in, instead of searching for a miracle. There's no chance I will fail because I have no other option other than to succeed.

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Adopt-a-dog. Agency has 20 dogs in need of homes

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The city's Animal Services Agency has 20 dogs in need of homes for the holidays and Monday is the last day of their adopt-a-dog sale.

One of the dogs looking for a family is Pepsi, a 10-month old Labrador mix who was picked up as an unlicensed stray.

The price for the in-house adult dog adoptions is \$99, which includes license, micro-

chip, spay/neuter, basic shots, food and pet health insurance.

The Adopt-a-Dog sale runs from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday at the Animal Services Agency at 1057 Logan Ave.

The Animal Services Agency also reminds owners that their pooches over six months old require a dog license. Stray dogs wearing a current license get a free ride home once a year.

Visit winnipeg.ca/cms/animal for more information or to see the adoptable dogs.

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It's a pirate's life. Exhibit displays infamous booty

The Manitoba Museum is adding an outdoor component to their Real Pirates exhibit — the Jolly Roger flag.

The 25- by 15-foot Jolly Roger is flying over the Museum as the exhibit, titled Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the Whydah, explores the 18th century world of piracy.

The Whydah sank nearly 300 years ago and the exhibit features more than 200 artifacts recovered from the ocean floor, off the coast of Cape Cod. It also showcases



The Jolly Roger will fly until April 2015. ADRIANA MINGO/FOR METRO

the infamous pirate Sam Belamy, who was reportedly the richest pirate of all time.

The Jolly Roger will fly for the duration of the exhibit, scheduled to run until April 2015. ADRIANA MINGO/FOR METRO



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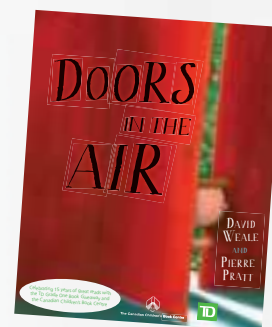
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Teen fatally stabbed

Crown concludes man acted in self-defence, murder charge dropped

A murder charge against a man dating to a case back in April has been dropped, Winnipeg police said on Friday.

The case dates back to April 19, when police were called to the area of Dufferin Avenue and Salter Street at about 11 p.m. and found a 17-year-old who had been stabbed. He was taken to hospital, but died of his injuries.

A second teen, an 18-year-old man, was found nearby, taken to hospital in critical condition, but was later upgraded to stable.

The police investigation showed that the two teens were walking when they came across a 38-year-old man and attempted a robbery.

However, police said the older man produced a weapon and then stabbed the teens in defence.

He fled the scene, but turned himself in to police

and was arrested for murder. He was later released while a senior Crown attorney looked at the case.

The Crown conducted a thorough review and advised police that no charges would be laid against the 38-year-old man.

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Driver not charged

Vehicle strikes two pedestrians in North End

A vehicle near McPhillips Street and Jarvis Avenue struck two pedestrians on Dec. 18. The collision sent a 70-year-old man to hospital in critical condition. A 60-year-old man was also struck and was sent to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Early investigation by members of the Central Traffic Unit showed the pedestrians were struck while crossing the street.

The driver was released with no charge, although the matter will be investigated further.

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Aviation heritage museum crowned with a new name

Flying high. Museum stunned after receiving royal designation from Queen Elizabeth II for building's renaming

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Forty years after opening the Western Canadian Aviation Museum on Ferry Road, Queen Elizabeth II has bestowed it with a new name: the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada.

The royal designation was months in the making, according to museum executive director Shirley Render, but she was still stunned to receive the official confirmation a few weeks ago.

"There was a letter with the words 'Buckingham Palace' at the top, and I just kind of sat there in awe,"



Board president Bruce Emberley, executive director Shirley Render and patron Hartley Richardson unveil the aviation museum's new name. COLIN FAST/FOR METRO

she recounted for the crowd of dignitaries gathered for Friday morning's renaming ceremony. "It was as if the Queen was right there in the room with me."

Render said she hopes

the royal designation will draw more attention to the museum, which hosts about 40,000 visitors each year to see its collection of bush planes and other vintage aircraft.

Quoted

"Most people think that history is boring, but we actually have a very exciting aviation heritage. That's the story that we tell."

Shirley Render, executive director of the Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada

"It signifies that we are doing something for the betterment of Canada," she said. "Most people think that history is boring, but we actually have a very exciting aviation heritage. That's the story that we tell, and we don't want it to be forgotten."

In addition to the new name, the museum will also be leaving its current home by 2017 for a new facility next to the passenger terminal at Richardson Airport.

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Reader beware. Polls show federal race tightening, but can't offer explanation

A spate of public opinion surveys this autumn has prompted the usual end-of-year parsing of political fortunes and chin-stroking prognostications about a federal election that may still be 10 months in the future.

Stephen Harper's Conservatives are up. Justin Trudeau's Liberals are down. Tom Mulcair's New Democrats are out of it. Reader beware.

In fact, a look at months of results from six different pollsters suggests Trudeau's Liberals remain imperviously buoyant, Harper's Tories have seen only marginal gains despite a number of issues breaking their way, and NDP fortunes are stalled, notwithstanding Mulcair's widely lauded parliamentary performance.

In the past week alone, national polls from recognized opinion surveyors have placed Liberal support as high as 41 per cent (Forum Research) and as low as 32 per cent (EKOS), Conservative support from 33 to 31 per cent and NDP support

at 19 (Leger), 20 (Forum) and 17 per cent (EKOS).

In September, before an event-packed fall that supposedly moved the public opinion dial, Liberals polled as high as 38 per cent (Abacus and Ipsos Reid), Conservatives were between 30 and 31 per cent and New Democrats between 21 and 23.

ThreeHundredEight.com, which aggregates political polling, says the average of all public polls put Liberal support last week at 36 per cent, Conservatives at 32 and the NDP at 20. In September, those averages were 38-30-22.

"It's important not to make too much of relatively small movements in the polls," says Paul Adams, a former parliamentary reporter and pollster who now teaches journalism at Carleton University in Ottawa.

It's always easy to construct a narrative around why that might be, he added — but pundits and pollsters should be careful with such storylines.

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Handgun incident

Canadian man shot by U.S. border guards

The U.S. border agency says a Canadian man was shot after allegedly pointing a handgun at guards at the Ambassador Bridge between Windsor, Ont., and Detroit.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection says he stopped his car near the U.S. inspection booth at 3 a.m. Sunday and walked toward border officers while waving a gun. It says the officers ordered him to drop the weapon but he pointed it in their direction, prompting them to open fire.

The agency says the man, who it hasn't identified, was treated and released from hospital before being taken into custody.

It says the man has had "previous encounters" with Canadian law enforcement.

The statement says border and Department of Homeland Security officials are investigating along with Detroit police.

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A price tag lists the price and subsidy of a 4 L jug of milk at a grocery store in Iqaluit, Nunavut, on Dec. 8.

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Nutrition North: What went wrong?

Food security in the North. Many have expressed concern that businesses are not passing Nutrition North subsidy on to consumers

For years, northerners have complained about Nutrition North to anyone who would listen, grumbling that the \$60-million annual federal food subsidy was doing little to ease their staggering grocery costs.

No one, it seemed, took much notice.

That all changed last month, when auditor general Michael Ferguson revealed that the program's overseers are largely in the dark about whether the subsidy is doing anything for the people who need it the most.

One of Ferguson's observations in particular struck a nerve with some northerners: that some retailers are cashing in on the subsidy.

"The stores are making money based on the amount of food they're bringing in, and in return they're supposed to lower their food price," said Leese Papatsie, who helped organize Nunavut-wide food price protests. "In upper, High Arctic communities, the subsidy is higher than the freight cost. So they're making money like that."

Food has always cost more in the North, due to the expense of shipping it in from other parts of Canada, the region's relatively small and

In detail

Food has always cost more in the North, due to the expense of shipping it in.

- The federal government used to subsidize shipping costs through the old Food Mail program.
- Under Food Mail, retailers had to rely on airlines chosen by Canada Post to get the subsidized freight rate.

- But in 2011, the Conservatives replaced Food Mail with Nutrition North, which shifted the subsidy to retailers, who in turn were expected to pass it on by cutting food costs for consumers.

- Many are skeptical that businesses are actually passing on the full subsidy to the consumers.

dispersed population, and the distance from major transportation hubs.

Ron Elliott, who used to represent a High Arctic riding in Nunavut's legislature, said people are skeptical that businesses are actually passing on the full subsidy to customers.

"What you're doing is you're putting the subsidy in the hands of the businesses," Elliott said. "If you're in business to make a profit, are you going to be that willing to have good will? My problem is, you can't really tell a business what profit they should have, right? So if the market can bear something, usually that's what people charge."

Aboriginal Affairs has not required merchants to report their profit margins, which over time would indicate whether the full subsidy is being passed on. Ferguson's report said such a measure would help quell skepticism about whether consumers are actually getting the full benefit of the subsidy.

The department now says

that as of April 1, retailers will have to provide information on their profit margins.

Nutrition North gives retailers a subsidy based on the weight of eligible foods shipped to eligible communities. But the auditor general found Aboriginal Affairs did not choose eligible communities based on need. To highlight the problem, Ferguson's team pointed to two remote communities in northern Ontario, both about the same distance to the nearest town and lacking year-round road access. One is eligible for a subsidy of \$1.60 a kilogram; the other only five cents a kilogram.

The audit found that the department chose communities based on two factors: whether they had year-round road access and if they had used the old Food Mail program. Communities that made very little use of Food Mail are only eligible for a partial subsidy of five cents per kilogram, while places that did not use food mail aren't eligible.

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Aiden Chi is seen in the food court at the University of Calgary's MacEwan Hall. Chi has turned to crowd-funding to raise some of his tuition amid fears he'll be forced to return to his native South Korea and serve in the country's military. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Calgary student fearful of forced return to Korea

'Really scary.'

International tuition three times that charged for Canadian students

Fundraising

For a link to Aiden Chi's fundraising page, head to metronews.ca/calgary



JEREMY NOLAIS
Metro in Calgary

Aiden Chi, 20, is a proud Canadian, regardless of whether he's officially recognized as such.

His parents sent him to Canada from his native South Korea seven years ago hoping he'd improve his English, get a good job and start a family.

They were never able to obtain proper citizenship, but Chi managed to enrol as an international student in the University of Calgary's business program where he is now in second year.

Extending his work visa depends on his continuing studies, but he faces a \$30,000 roadblock to get through his third year.

Adding to Chi's troubles, if he can't stay here, he could be forced to return to Korea, where every man 20 or older must serve two years in the military.

"It's actually really scary," he said. "I don't want to leave anything behind, all of my work and everything. It feels like everything I did here will be for nothing."

There is also the long-standing threat of an escalation in violence between his homeland and its totalitarian neighbours to the north. Chi said he believes the military service requirement stems from fears

of an "emergency situation" that would plunge the two countries into war once more.

"You never know what's going to happen," he said.

Chi's parents supported him through the first half of his degree but can no longer afford to do so.

The university, meanwhile, maintains that international students pay the true cost of tuition (\$1,833.84 per course, according to the school's website) whereas Canadian students pay a subsidized rate (\$538.59 per course) based on taxes paid to Revenue Canada.

School officials encouraged Chi to visit the on-campus financial aid office and said international students enrolled in eligible programs are often allowed to work both on or off-site and could also be placed in an internship or co-op learning arrangement.

Chi said he fears not having enough time to raise the needed funds to keep his spot at the school. He's launched a crowd-funding page in hopes of raising \$30,000. To date, about \$1,100 has been contributed.

"When I'm in school I can't really work a lot," he said. "It's not a lot of time to raise tens of thousands of dollars.... If I go back to Korea I'll be forced to speak Korean.... The whole point of coming to Canada was to learn English and if I go back, I won't have the chance."

RCMP recommend charges against man who allegedly struck, left child at bus stop

RCMP are recommending charges against a man who they say struck a three-year-old boy in the face and abandoned him at a bus stop in Surrey, B.C.

Staff Sgt. Joe Johal says police are recommending charges of assault and child abandonment. Johal says the man is a Surrey resident who is related to the child but would not confirm he is the boy's father.

The man has been released from custody with conditions and a court appearance is scheduled, something B.C. police have the power to do pending Crown approval of charges.

Johal thanked witnesses who contacted police on Saturday morning about the incident as well as those who circulated the boy's photo on social media.

Callers reported the boy was

struck in the face and pushed by a man who then got on a bus, leaving the boy behind.

"A lot of people called and (there were) a lot of tips, and even the arrest that took place was due to a tip from a citizen who observed and called us," said Johal in an interview on Sunday.

The boy has since been reunited with his mother.

The Ministry of Children and Family Development was involved Saturday and will keep the file open, said Johal.

Lucy Ingram, an employee at nearby Berezan Liquor Store, said she brought the boy inside the store after a customer told her he had been left at the stop.

The investigation continues and no names have been released yet. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

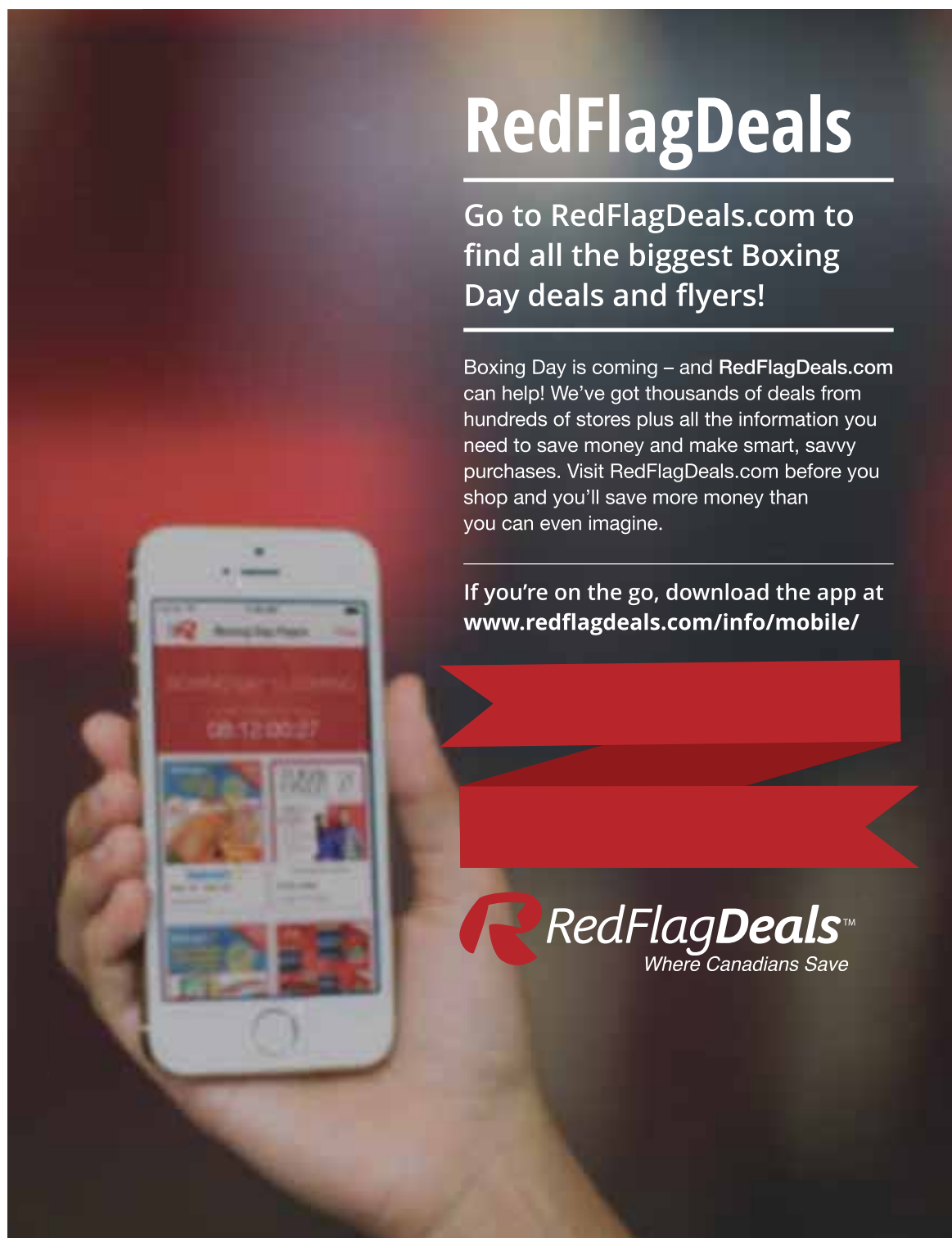
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Washington. U.S. reviews North Korea's terror status

President Barack Obama says the United States is reviewing whether to put North Korea back on its list of state sponsors of terrorism as Washington decides how to respond to what he calls an "act of cybervandalism," not one of war, against a movie company.

Sony Pictures Entertainment said it cancelled the theatrical release of *The Interview* after distributors refused to show it. The comedy involves a plot to assassinate North Korea's leader.

David Boies, a Sony lawyer, said *The Interview* is "going to be distributed, and what Sony has been trying to do is to get the picture out to the public," while protecting the rights of company employers and moviegoers. Boies said theatres "quite understandably" decided not to show the film as scheduled because of the threats. "You can't release a movie unless you have a distribution channel," he said.

North Korea has denied hacking the studio, and on Saturday proposed a joint



U.S. President Barack Obama.
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investigation with the U.S. to determine the true culprit. The White House rejected the idea and said it was confident North Korea was responsible.

Obama is promising to respond.

"We're not going to be intimidated by some cyber-hackers," he said.

The president said the U.S. would examine the facts to determine whether North Korea should land back on the terrorism sponsors list.

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N.Y. cop killer had a criminal history

Brooklyn. Officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu were gunned down at close range in their patrol car

The gunman who fatally ambushed two police officers in their squad car had a long criminal record, a hatred for police and the government, and an apparent history of mental instability that included an attempt to hang himself a year ago, authorities said Sunday.

Moments before opening fire, Ismaaiyl Brinsley approached people on the street in Brooklyn and asked them to follow him on Instagram, then told them, "Watch what I'm going to do," Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce said.

A portrait of the Brooklyn-born gunman emerged as big-city police departments and union leaders around the U.S. warned officers to change their routines and insist on extra backup a day after Brinsley carried out what he portrayed online as retaliation for the slayings of black men at the hands of white police officers.

Brinsley was black; the slain officers were Asian and Hispanic.

The slayings come at a tense time. Police nationwide have been criticized for months for their tactics, following Eric Garner's death in a New York officer's chokehold and Michael Brown's fatal shooting in Ferguson, Missouri. Protests erupted in recent weeks after grand juries declined to charge the white officers involved.

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New York City Police Commissioner Bill Bratton leaves flowers at an impromptu memorial near the site where two police officers were killed in the Brooklyn borough of New York, Sunday. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pakistan. Arrests made in Taliban school carnage

Authorities made several arrests in the case of the Taliban school attack that killed 148 in the northwestern city of Peshawar, on Sunday, officials said.

"Quite a few suspects who were facilitators in one way or the other have been taken into custody," Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said, adding that the interrogations were "moving ahead in a positive manner." He did not disclose their identities or say how many they were.

Seven Taliban gunmen wearing explosives belts stunned the world on Tuesday by storming into the military run school and slaughtering 148 people, including 132 students. Another nearly 121 students were wounded in the ensuing eight-hour siege of the school, located in an area where many military families live.

The group claims it fights to establish a ruling system based on its own harsh brand of Islam. It has killed thousands over nearly a decade.

The Taliban say they attacked the school in revenge for an army operation against them in North Waziristan, launched in mid-June. The army says it has so far killed over 1,200 militants in the

operation.

The government bombed the militants' hideouts in country's tribal area along the Afghan border in response, and also lifted a ban on the execution of convicted terrorists.

Over the weekend, it executed six men convicted on terrorism charges.

Two of the convicts were hanged Friday, and another four on Sunday, according to two Pakistani government officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters.

All six belonged to local Pakistani militant groups who had turned against the state, and were convicted for involvement in two attempts to assassinate former President Pervez Musharraf. One was also convicted of leading a militant siege of Pakistani army headquarters in garrison city of Rawalpindi in 2009.

Local militants have threatened attacks to avenge the hanged men.

Khan, the minister, said Pakistan was at war with the militants. He appealed to the nation to help authorities in a countrywide crackdown on the insurgents.

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U.S.-Cuba relations

N.J. Gov. Christie wants Obama to demand return of cop-killer

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie disagrees with President Obama's decision to normalize relations with Cuba and wants the president to demand the immediate return of a convicted cop-killer from the country "before any further consideration of restoration of diplomatic relations with the Cuban government."

In a letter sent to the White House Friday and made public by his office Sunday, Christie pressed for the return of Joanne Chesimard, who was convicted of killing a New Jersey state trooper in 1973 during a gun battle after being stopped on the New Jersey Turnpike.

Chesimard was found guilty but escaped from prison and eventually fled to Cuba, where she was granted asylum by Fidel Castro. She is now living as Assata Shakur and is the first woman placed on the FBI's Most Wanted Terrorist List.

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In this Sunday, May 11, 2014, file photo, a soldier and government officials inspect the bridge that links Nigeria and Cameroon after an attack by Islamic militants. JOSSY OLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Boko Haram stages cross-border attacks and recruitment

Nigeria's Islamic extremists. Nigeria's neighbours worry about Boko Haram's threat to neighbouring countries

Thousands of members of Nigeria's home-grown Islamic extremist Boko Haram group strike across the border in Cameroon, with co-ordinated attacks on border towns, a troop convoy and a major barracks.

Farther north, Boko Haram employs recruits from Chad to enforce its control in northeastern Nigerian towns and cities.

In Niger, the government has declared a "humanitarian crisis" and appealed for international aid to help tens of thousands of Nigerian refugees driven from their homes by the

insurgency.

These recent events show how neighbouring countries are being drawn increasingly into Nigeria's Islamic uprising. Thousands of people have been killed in Nigeria's five-year insurgency and some 1.6 million people driven from their homes.

"We are concerned about the increasing regionalization of Boko Haram," said Comfort Ero, Africa director for the International Crisis Group.

On Sunday, Cameroon's army announced it had broken up a Boko Haram training camp in the Mayo-Danay district in the country's north.

Ero cautioned that co-operation between the neighbouring countries is weak. She said there is also distrust of the capabilities of Nigeria's once-proud military, which has been battered by Boko Haram.

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Boko Haram

Video shows civilians being killed

A new video from Nigeria's home-grown Boko Haram extremists shows gunmen mowing down civilians lying face-down in a dorm, and a leader saying they are being killed because they are "infidels." There are so many corpses the gunmen have difficulty stepping to reach bodies still twitching. Most appear to be adult men.

"From now, killing, slaughtering, destructions and bombing will be our religious duty," the group leader says in a message.

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Credit card fraud. Toronto man ordered to pay \$1.5M

It took nearly eight years from the time a Toronto man was arrested in a massive credit card fraud scheme, but a U.S. federal judge has figured out how much each victim is owed.

Prosecutors described the man's massive credit-card fraud scheme as high-tech bank robbery — stealing the identities of 38,000 people in order to bilk dozens of banks. So when he was convicted of mail fraud in February 2011, the U.S. government began the arduous task of figuring out just how much each victim was owed.

Years later, following the government's petition to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, a federal judge ordered Adekunle Adetiloye to pay about \$1.5 million US in restitution and forfeiture. Adetiloye is appealing the Dec. 8 judgment.

What isn't clear is whether anyone will see the restitution payments, said assistant U.S. attorney

Quoted

"A lot of the people didn't have money directly stolen from them. It was all the banks that had lost money ... People were out a lot emotionally, but you can't compensate for that."

Assistant U.S. attorney Nick Chase

Nick Chase.

Adetiloye's 18-year prison sentence, issued in January 2012, capped a lengthy international investigation into fake debt-collection agencies.

Bank officials, investigators and prosecutors called it one of the most complex schemes perpetrated in the financial industry. It took nearly eight years to investigate and litigate, including the restitution debate.

The case wound up in North Dakota because U.S. Bank, one of the victims, is based in Fargo, N.D.

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Luxury retailers head north of the border

Shopping. The entrance of high-end American department store chains have got Canadian rivals on the defensive

With the arrival of Nordstrom north of the border in Calgary and Saks Fifth Avenue waiting in the wings, the U.S. department stores are joining an increasingly crowded field of players banking on Canadian fans of high-end goods to spread the love — and wealth — to their shops.

Homegrown brands are bracing for the influx of fresh competition by shoring up or bolstering their operations.

Luxury menswear retailer Harry Rosen has enlarged four of its existing locations and has three major stores opening in 2015, said chair-



Canada's retail market has gotten a lot more competitive with the entrance of U.S. retailers, like Saks. RICHARD DREW/THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

man and CEO Larry Rosen.

"It became obvious to us two, three, four years ago there was going to be an American invasion in our segment of retail, that a number

of department stores were going to come here, and we obviously sat back to develop a strategy," Rosen said in an interview.

"When we sat back and

Canadian sensibility

Brynn Winegard, a marketing expert with Winegard & Company, says Canadians tend to be more value-conscious and less price-sensitive than Americans.

- "We are a lot more accepting of higher prices if we believe the value is there. And our economy is one that is padded enough that our consumers, our people, stay fairly affluent through the business cycle," she said.

we thought about it, we realized that we could turn an increasingly competitive situation into a positive — into a competitive strength."

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BlackBerry attempts comeback

BlackBerry is hoping not only to return to the hearts and minds of smartphone users but also, starting next year, to get into their cars and homes too.

With its finances slowly improving, plans the Waterloo, Ont.-based company is planning to become a bigger player in the Internet of Things movement, which links your phone with various other technology, from your fridge to your television.

The project has been in development for several years at BlackBerry, and chief executive John Chen said Friday that the company will lay out a "roadmap" for his plans in early January at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

"Our focus right now is on connected cars, and it will get into connected homes; These

On the upswing

45%

Shares of the company have climbed more than 45 per cent in 2014, closing at \$11.55 on the Toronto Stock Exchange in late December, after starting the year at \$7.90

things are inseparable," Chen said during a recent meeting with reporters at the company's headquarters.

"Everything we do fits together."

Still in its infancy, the connected home is the next evolution in technology as more people link their smartwatches with their laptops, and their phones to their Bluetooth speakers.

BlackBerry is trying to get ahead of the curve by de-

veloping security software that can be licensed to companies that want their products ready for the growing popularity of machine-to-machine communication.

Coming up with innovative ideas would've been almost unheard of a year ago when the future of BlackBerry was tenuous at best. The company was drowning in problems and its finances were declining at an alarming speed, with quarterly losses that soared into the billions.

When Chen swooped into the leadership role in late 2013 he immediately launched a rescue effort, a strategy that has partly relied on thinking of new ways to sell the company's older technology, while it worked behind the scenes on fresh ideas.

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SEARCHING FOR A CIVIC PIZZA TRACKER

Metro columnist argues the City of Winnipeg could use some technological inspiration — even if it comes from Domino's Pizza



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The greatest invention in the history of Domino's isn't their thin-crust pizza, Cinna Stix or even The Noid. It's the Pizza Tracker.

It's an app that monitors the status of your dinner, from the time you order it through to its arrival on your doorstep. It even tells you the name of the person who made your pizza (great job on that last pep and bacon, Jason).

The Tracker's horizontal progress bar is simple but informative and kind of fun. And that's what makes it a perfect example of the type of innovation the City of Winnipeg should copy as it tries to improve its own

customer service.

Many interactions with the city are not simple or informative, and they're definitely not fun. Registering a kid for swimming lessons, following the progress of a major report through city committees or researching how your councillor voted on a particular issue are annoying or downright impossible tasks.

Even in areas where the city has invested in technology — like 311, CrimeStat or the Navigo transit service — the interfaces are often so clunky, they're not useful to the average person.

Finding new ways to use technology to engage citizens is a challenge the city of Boston took on four years ago with the creation of its Office of New Urban Mechanics. This group connects innovative city staff with

entrepreneurs to develop rapid responses to city problems.

One recent solution is a Pizza Tracker-style web tool that allows building owners and developers to follow the progress of permit applications. The product was created in just 36 hours at a city-sponsored hackathon.

Another is a 311 app that allows city crews to send a photo of themselves with a repaired pothole or street sign directly to the citizen who reported the problem. The citizen then has the option of responding with a virtual high-five.

Over the past few years, Winnipeg has developed its own thriving innovation scene packed with creative young minds who love to brainstorm new concepts such as virtual permission slips for school trips, wearable de-

vices to inspect oil and gas infrastructure or interactive mirrors that display advertising.

Unfortunately, the sector hasn't been embraced by city representatives.

In fact, when Brian Bowman held a campaign event at Start Up Winnipeg in October, organizers said it was the first time a civic politician had ever visited the innovation hub that's located steps away from city hall.

There's an opportunity here for the city to follow the Boston example and join forces with Winnipeg's innovators. Fuel them with challenges, data, prize money and Domino's, and who knows what new solutions they may find to the city's old problems?

And hopefully for citizens, those cool new tools could make dealing with city government as easy as ordering a pizza pie.

Your Winnipeg



Capturing a Christmas classic

Photo submitted by reader Vince Pakkala

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet's Yayoi Ban and Arjtom Maksakov, background, with RWB School student Samara Rittinger, foreground, in the Nutcracker. The annual classic is back and running at the Centennial concert hall until Dec. 28. **SUBMITTED**

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Upcoming



The Legislative Building SHANE GIBSON/METRO

This year's Boxing Day: Like Christmas for political junkies

Political junkies left twitching for a Question Period over the holiday season are in luck.

Young political wannabes will fill the Legislative Building starting Boxing Day for the 93rd annual winter session of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba (YPM).

The session runs until Dec. 30 and will see youth between the ages of 16 and 20 debate issues just like their older counterparts, but presumably they'll act less like children.

This year's Lieutenant Governor for the YPM is former city council candidate Sachit Mehra, who was also a YPM member during the 72nd through 76th sessions. For more information about the session, go to ypmanitoba.ca. **METRO**



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METRO'S TAKE
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Iggy Azalea ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Hackers threaten exposé if Azalea doesn't end Banks feud

We're apparently officially in the age of hacker demands, as those loveable upstarts in Anonymous — the ones with the Guy Fawkes masks and all — have jumped into Iggy Azalea's feud with Banks, demanding that Azalea make a big public apology to Banks and the #ICantBreathe protesters or suffer the consequences.

Just what consequences, you might ask?

The group claims to have a sex tape featuring the singer and are threatening to release stills from it if she does not comply. Way to raise the debate, guys.

They went on to threaten, "We have so much s— on you, your scandal would be bigger than Bill Cosby's," which seems kind

of impossible just purely on a fame level. Unless there's millions of people out there who think of Azalea as a paragon of wholesomeness and morality that I don't know about.

Last week, Azalea launched a new volley in her ongoing feud with Banks, calling her "a bigot" and "a miserable, angry human being" on Twitter. Fun times.

It's another daughter for Kristen and Dax and yet another unusual baby name

Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard named their first daughter, Lincoln, after Shepard's favourite car, so now that their second daughter has arrived we all have a pretty good idea what Bell's favourite airline is. Or maybe they're just big Designing Women fans?

The happy couple welcomed daughter Delta Bell Shepard to the world last week. Bell announced the news via Twitter along with a warning to her husband about her estrogen levels and a photo of a gorilla holding a baby gorilla's hand.

We also would've accepted a photo of a sloth. The couple's first daughter was born in 2013, and they were married the same year shortly after California's Proposition 8, banning same-sex marriage, was struck down.

From Ross to a Kardashian! Schwimmer returns to TV

Would you believe that Friends star David Schwimmer hasn't had a TV project since the hit sitcom ended 10 years ago? I mean, sure he's done guest spots on 30 Rock and Lisa Kudrow's Web Therapy, but a regular gig? Nope. So what could lure Schwimmer, who's been sticking to film as an actor and a director, back to TV? Apparently the chance to play Kim Kardashian's dad. Schwimmer has signed on to play Robert Kardashian in Ryan Murphy's miniseries about the O.J. Simpson trial,



David Schwimmer

American Crime Story. So welcome back, Dave.

Elton steals Bass' thunder

So! Former 'NSYNC member Lance Bass got hitched this weekend, marrying Michael Turchin at a lovely ceremony in Los Angeles attended by every member of his boy band except Justin Timberlake. It was a very big to-do, so Bass must be pretty peeved that, across the pond, Elton John had his own wedding the very next day, marrying longtime partner David Furnish. The couple

did the whole civil union thing back in 2005, but now that full gay marriage is legal in the U.K., they decided to make it extra official. "We'll do it very quietly," he told Matt Lauer earlier this year of the wedding plans. Not quietly enough for Bass, though. Heck, John even created an Instagram account just to make a big deal out of the wedding. But maybe that's how he does quiet.

Life not so Marvel-ous for oh-so-grown-up Corden

Into the Woods star James Corden is one busy man. While he already has a thriving film, television and theatre career — and a young family at home — he's also taking over for Craig Ferguson at The Late Late Show next year. So he obviously doesn't have time consider a role in one of Marvel's big superhero movies. Which is fine, since he wouldn't want one, anyway. "I don't think I'm talking myself out of a big Marvel franchise," he tells Metro. "If you're an actor and you're in those movies, what is your day's acting? I find it strange."

Also, for any grown-up fans of Marvel movies, Corden thinks you need to grow up. "I spend almost no time thinking about The Avengers. I lit-

erally could not spend less of my day thinking about it, and I'm constantly amazed by the volume of adults who do," he says. "Each to their own, and I wish them well, but I mean, it's preposterous."



James Corden

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Franco my dear, The Interview is worth a damn

Review. Ballsy James Franco's killer instincts carry mockingly good flick yanked by Sony

MATT PRIGGE
Metro in New York

Yes, there have been terrorist threats over a Seth Rogen movie with a Guinness-level number of anus jokes. The Interview — a very filthy comedy about the attempted assassination of North Korean despot Kim Jong-un — has had its release cancelled for fears of threats on theatres showing it — a lot of brouhaha over a very silly film, one with a peerlessly silly James Franco turn and lots and lots of Katy Perry. As satires go, this isn't Dr. Strangelove, even if it ends in a ballsier cinematic act of war. It's a bunch of clowns seeing how far they can go in mocking the humourless, just to see what will happen. How could they have known the battle line was basically nonexistent?

The Interview isn't even the first movie to take out a North Korean leader. The world survived Team America, which turned a puppet Kim Jong-il into a cockroach. Here, his tyrannical, baby-faced son (Randall Park) becomes the target of CIA lust after he agrees to a chat with Franco's David Skylark, a lowest common denominator infotainment god. Before he



James Franco and Seth Rogen in The Interview. CONTRIBUTED

and his producer, Aaron (Rogen, who also co-directed), leave for the dictatorship, they agree — without really fully understanding the gravity of their situation — to perform a covert form of poisoning.

The funny thing about North Korea — or sympathizers, or whatever the hell the

rogue hacker team known as Guardians of Peace are — getting up in arms over The Interview is that Park's Kim winds up being unexpectedly semi-sympathetic. Meekly introducing himself to Franco's Skylark, Kim's a superfan who blurts out how nervous he is to meet one of his favourite TV stars. He can't hide

his obsession with American junk culture, including reciting Perry's Wide Awake while in tears, or keep from detailing the mental abuse laid on him by his late father. He and Skylark bond over being despised by those who view them as dangerous for culture — and, in Kim's case, the human race.

There are more twists to come, some not so charitable toward its real-life monster. But The Interview grants Kim more humanity than the news ever has, all the while never holding back on exposing (well, mocking) the grim realities of life above South Korea. Everything's building to a Frost/Nixon-style tête-à-

tête that spills over into an outsized action climax. Rogen and company's glee in going really far is apparent; you can see them bowling over the first time they saw the crazy things they come up with materialize on-screen.

It's all a joke, if one that evidently doesn't go over well when described to humorless political leaders. And yet the funniest part isn't its cajones, or even that a film about idiots attempting a political killing is a dumb comedy that may have sparked an international incident. It's Franco. When he tries to be funny Franco's really, really funny. Skylark is a super-munchild, one caught in a cycle of child-like euphoria, insecurity and betrayal. His bromance with Kim Jong-un may be the most intense movie relationship of the year, and of course one that fiddles winkingly with the real-life questioning of the star's sexuality. The Interview isn't worth dying for, but more contraband needs someone calling John Kerry an "oak tree-looking f—."

Review

The Interview

Directors. Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg

Stars. James Franco, Seth Rogen

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A good time to smarten up

Money. With another year behind us, this is when you should take stock of your finances and fix whatever isn't working for you



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OK, it's December. Do you have plans to take what you learned this year and do it differently next year?

Y'know what they say: Stupid is doing the same thing over and over and expecting to get a different result. So are you planning to keep being stupid in 2015 or is next year the year you smarten up and take control?

It's so easy to ignore the details of our financial lives when everything is rushing past us like a sped-up movie scene. And while this month seems like the busiest of all, if you want next year to be a strong, healthy one financially, it's time to stop and take a breath.

What better time to check in on your financial progress than just before the turn of a new year? Although the glow of the holiday season may be bright enough to distract you from past mistakes, living in ignorance of what's worked, or what hasn't, is no way to get off to a fresh start. If you want to make sure you're in control of your money as you head into the new year, take these steps.

1. Do a net worth statement.

Assess how you feel about what you've accomplished financially this year. On a scale



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of 1 to 10 (10 being ecstatic), how do you feel about where you are? What's the biggest financial concern you have right now? What one thing do you want to accomplish before another year rolls past?

2. Review your budget.

How did the numbers shake out this year, and what should you tweak for next?

Often, as we progress through the year and get comfortable living on a budget, we also get complacent and costs start to rise.

Look at your last two months' spending to see if it is still in line with your planning. Is it time to do some trimming? Have prices risen

in some areas of your budget, indicating that you need to trim other areas to rebalance? Are there other changes that have taken place since you did your budget that you need to incorporate?

3. You don't have a budget? How's that working for you?

If you're sick and tired of not knowing where your money has been going, it's time to grab a cuppa, a calculator, six months' worth of credit card and bank statements and an Excel spreadsheet. (A pen and pad work, too.) Do the spending analysis. Make a budget.

4. Recalculate your debt level.

If your consumer credit pay-

Update your will

- Do you need to review your will this year? How about your powers of attorney for both personal care and money? And have you named a guardian for your children?

- Have you reviewed this documentation in the past

two years, or since your last major life change (marriage, divorce, moving, birth of a child)?

- If not, this is a good time to dig out the paperwork and have a look to see if it still meets your needs.

ments are eating up more than 15 per cent of your budget, you've got too much debt.

Some people find it's hard to even imagine being debt-free. But you can be. It may take another job to earn the extra money to get out of debt, but if that's what it takes, you can do it.

Are you on target to be debt-free?

5. Assess your emergency savings.

It takes small steps to get to where you want to be. Having six months' worth of savings for essential expenses socked away isn't a nice-to-have, it's a gotta-have.

6. Check your retirement plan.

Make sure you're taking advantage of a retirement plan at work and the savings-matching program it may offer. No plan at work? Then you better have an individual retirement savings plan.

Did you meet your savings goal this year? No? Answer me this: How will you eat when it comes time to hang up your work gloves? How will you keep a roof over your head?

If you think your kids are going to take care of you, how would you do right now if your mom and dad showed up on your doorstep?

7. Quantify your investment return.

How are you putting your money to work for you? Are those investment choices you made still working for you?

Are you well diversified? Diversification helps you weather investment volatility because all your money isn't tied up in one sector, type of investment or geographic location.

If your adviser hasn't reviewed your portfolio with you yet this year, get on the horn.

This would be a good time to adjust the investments that may have fallen out of whack with your goals and tolerance for risk.

8. Review your insurance coverage.

Do you have insurance for cars, property, life and disability? If you think insurance is a waste of money, how would you cope if the worst did happen?

How would your family cope? As if a life disaster isn't bad enough, would it be fair to them to be wiped out financially at the same time?

It's easy to put off looking at your money. Put it off. Put it off. Put it off.

But you'll get no peace of mind from not knowing where you stand. Better to buckle down and do the deal.

Relationships. Women have greater partner empathy than men: study

It might not seem like news, but women exhibit considerably more empathy toward their partners than men do, according to a large-scale study at Griffith University and the University of Queensland in Australia.

When their partners succumbed to illness or experienced a traumatizing life event, women were noticeably affected, but the inverse

was not true, according to Dr. Cindy Mervin from Griffith and Prof. Paul Frijters from the University of Queensland.

"It is not that men are unemotional or uncaring, since they are quite strongly affected by what happens to themselves, but they simply are not very emotional when it comes to the feelings of their partner," says Mervin.

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Women are more affected than men when their partners are suffering. AFP

Parenthood

Pregnancy affects dad's hormones, too

Fathers-to-be can experience a drop in two hormones — testosterone and estradiol — as their wives' pregnancies progress, according to a first-of-its-kind study at the University of Michigan.

Past research has indicated that fathers' testosterone drops after the birth of a baby, a finding consistent with other species in which males help care for offspring. AFP

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Work. Early-morning disco better than the gym to jump-start your day



Hundreds attend a dance party in downtown London. EDOUARD GUIHAIRE/AFP

At dawn, before commuting to his job in London's Canary Wharf business district, 26-year-old Nathaniel Hone joins hundreds of revellers at a dance party fuelled only by coffee and smoothies.

At the end of an alleyway in trendy Bethnal Green, a line of morning revellers is waiting patiently at the entrance of the Oval Space, a 6,000-square-foot venue with the feel of an old warehouse. Welcome to Morning Gloryville, an alcohol-free, all-ages disco.

"Morning Gloryville started a year and a half ago. We only had about 26 people at the first event," said co-founder Samantha Moyo, 26. "Now we're attracting 1,000 people per event, and we're in 16 cities all over the world," including Bangalore, New York, Paris and Tokyo.

Babies and children can party for free — provided the infants wear earmuffs against the pulsing club music.

Moyo describes it as "basically partying without drink and drugs."

Instead of beer or cocktails, the bar offers smoothies

such as the Incredible Hulk, a green concoction made of apple, banana, lemon, spinach and spirulina — an algae touted as a nutritious dietary supplement.

DJ Miles Metric, wearing a skin-tight hot pink outfit, is behind his turntables as the dancers begin to arrive.

Some are dressed in pyjamas, while others are in colourful outfits, carnival fashion or in fancy dress as tigers, bears and horses. One group wears sneakers, shorts and tank tops.

"Good morning! Are you ready?" one of the organizers shouts into the microphone. "Yes!" reply 100 enthusiastic voices, quickly drowned out by the blaring music.

Kaye, 35, wearing gold sequined pants, neon pink shoes and rainbow butterfly wings on her back, admitted it was difficult to wake up at 6 a.m. to go dancing.

"Everybody's wearing fancy dress, it's colourful, we're having coffee, smoothies, we're having a good time," she said. "It made my day better already."

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Teaching through the eyes of Homer, Bart, Lisa and Marge

Education. University professors are using The Simpsons in the classroom for courses on everything from literature to sociology

Bart and Lisa Simpson have been in elementary school for 25 years. But that hasn't stopped them from showing up on college campuses.

Universities across the country are using satirical references from The Simpsons to grab students' attention and convey lessons in literature and all manner of popular culture.

"If the references are important enough to be lampooned by The Simpsons, these works must be important cultural milestones," says Hofstra University adjunct English professor Richard Pioreck, who has been incorporating the denizens of Springfield into his courses for about a decade.

He currently teaches a course about the Broadway theatre and how The Simpsons have embraced various musicals and plays. Next semester, he shifts to an online literature course titled The D'oh of Homer, which includes readings from Edgar Allan Poe's The Raven and The Fall of the House of Usher, and Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol — all referenced in Simpsons episodes.

In recent years, other universities have had courses focused on the prime-time show, which celebrated its 25th anniversary last week. Those universities include Os-



Richard Pioreck uses The Simpsons in his English courses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pop culture

"Teachers need to keep things fresh," says Denise DuVernay, an adjunct English professor at St. Xavier University in Chicago, co-author of the book *The Simpsons in the Classroom: Embiggening the Learning Experience with the Wisdom of Springfield*.



The Simpsons

"They need to reach students however they can. And using The Simpsons to grab their attention, I think, is brilliant," she says. "Fighting against pop culture isn't going to do anyone any good."

wego State University in New York and San Jose State University in California.

Longtime executive producer Al Jean says he's not surprised professors have embraced the program.

"Some people may think we are very vulgar, but then they find there is a lot of warmth and emotion and many people are surprised at the intelligence of some of the jokes," he says.

Pioreck says he decided to use the show after his daughter's friend passed an exam on The Devil and Daniel Webster by watching a Simpsons episode that focused on the story.

He found the sitcom usually aims for more than just the easy punchlines, with writers layering the plotlines with humour that can be appreciated by lowbrow, middlebrow and highbrow audiences alike.

For example, in one epi-

sode that parodied A Streetcar Named Desire (A Streetcar Named Marge), the dynamics of Homer and Marge Simpson's marriage are deftly illustrated through a comparison to the relationship of the couple in the play, Stella and Stanley.

"The Simpsons do a great deal of parodying, whether it's a complete script or a number here or there," Pioreck says. "Quite often, they choose family relationships; what makes a man a success is one of the things that we pursue. And you can see what happens to Homer. Even though it looks like he's not a good father, he steps up and he comes through in the end."

Jean acknowledges a theme in many episodes is the comparison of the Montgomery Burns character — the miserly owner of Springfield's nuclear power plant — to the lead character in the movie *Citizen Kane*, Charles Foster Kane.

"Mr. Burns ... he doesn't have fulfilment in his life even though he's the richest person in town," Pioreck says. "Here are two people who have it all, they have more money than they know what to do with and yet they're not happy. Homer has no money, but has friends and family."

Incredibly, at least one Hofstra student confesses she'd never seen the sitcom before signing up for the Simpsons-Broadway course.

Elizabeth Sarian, a 21-year-old music performance major, says she signed up because of her interest in Broadway, not the cartoon. Still, she says, the show "really does teach you a lot from watching it."

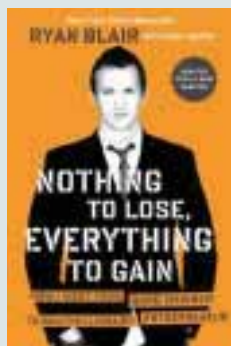
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Advice



Hard work crucial for entrepreneurs

It's a story familiar to millions of workers around the world: You have an idea that you think would be a great business or product, but you're not sure where to start.

"The only time I really had to daydream was at work," says Ryan Blair, CEO of ViSalus, a global healthy lifestyle company, and author of the book *Nothing to Lose, Everything to Gain*. "There's no such thing as balance — there are 24 hours in a day and most people waste most of them."

We asked Blair for tips on how to juggle having a day job with a budding entrepreneurial career:

• **Don't quit your job:**

"When you start to see results, then you can think about quitting. I started my first company while I had a job and I got my first customers that way."

• **Keep a journal:**

"Whenever I'm early in the process (of an idea), I'd just start writing about it. I have a venture capital fund and the first thing I do when considering investing in an idea is sketch it out in my journal. Then I'll start talking to people to see if it will work."

• **Put in the effort:** Don't think that juggling both work and your entrepreneurial project won't take sacrifice. "In the beginning, I'd wake up early at 4 a.m. and go work on my company before heading to work. Most people don't put in that time."

• **Teach yourself new skills:** For people without a strong business background, Blair says it is important to fill in the gaps. "Read books," he says. "That's how I learned it. If you really want to learn, you can read blogs, the trades, social media. You have to self-educate."

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Use social media to find dream job

Work. Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook can help you promote your skills and make valuable contacts in your chosen field

MARIANNE HAYES

Metro News in New York City

These days, it's hard to find someone who isn't on social media. It comes as no surprise that a 2014 Pew study found 74 per cent of online adults use social networking sites. But are you leveraging social media to take your career to the next level?

According to a recent Jobvite survey of 2,000 recruiters, more than half said they'd reconsidered a candidate based on their social profile. And 94 per cent use LinkedIn to recruit employees.

So how can you best use social media to land the job of your dreams?

We asked Caity Kauffman, social media and digital marketing manager for the Tampa Bay Lightning. At 25, Kauffman is living proof that understanding social media pays off. She used connections made on Twitter to secure her first job out of college. Since then, she's cultivated a loyal social media following and is considered an up-and-coming millennial voice in Tampa Bay.

Here are her most valuable tips for boosting your career through social media.

• **Tweet your resumé**

It may sound a little out there, but tweeting your resumé can be a great way to get exposure. For Kauffman, doing this led to a job producing a Sirius XM radio show. (Thanks to a retweet.)

"I actually gave the same advice to a girlfriend in Philadelphia. She tweeted out her resumé and an ad agency found her and hired her as a junior copywriter."

Creating an online portfolio of your work is another little thing that can have a big impact. It's also easy to promote on social media and paints a more complete picture of your skill set, especially since a resumé is typically only one page long.

• **Watch what you post**

When it comes to breaking into a new industry, be mindful of your tweets and status updates. Think of yourself as a business in the sense that



Employers and recruiters are increasingly using social media to find and investigate potential employees. ISTOCK

you need to remember your audience. Kauffman recommends posting things that are related to the industry you want to be in.

"If you're posting about random things all the time, no one will see you as someone who's already in the business," she says.

Long before landing her job in the NHL, Kauffman was using social media to post news and other tidbits about the industry. She learned everything she could about the field, posting and retweeting relevant information she could find. She even paid her own way to the NHL draft to network in person.

"Start acting like you're already in the business, even though you're not," she says. "A lot of times, people can't tell the difference."

• **Reach out to new contacts (without being creepy)**

Got your eye on a potential new contact you're itching to connect with? The last thing you want to do is come on too strong, which can spoil the relationship before it even begins. Begin by following the person on social media, gradually commenting and retweeting. This opens the door for some interaction.

"Engage with them naturally, as if they have nothing to offer you," Kauffman says. "Once they start tweeting back and you have a couple of back-and-forths, I would send them a DM or email if possible."

The worst thing you can do at this point is ask them

how they can help you. Instead, just ask them to grab coffee so that you can learn

from their experience.

If you're eager and motivated, most people will want

to help you. So focus on building relationships before you start asking for favours.

• **Update your profile**

LinkedIn is definitely the most-used social media platform when it comes to job searching. Kauffman really drives home the importance of making sure your profile is completely filled out all the time. Every time your job changes, make certain you update it with your full job description.

"I also accept (connection requests) from people I don't know if they're in my industry," says Kauffman. "And I always accept recruiters — you never know what's going to happen, and those are the people who are always looking for talent."

Another good idea is to link your social media profiles to your own website or online portfolio. This gives an employer a chance to research you more and build an emotional connection. In the end, this gives you the chance to sell yourself even more.

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One cut of meat, three unique flavours

Holiday Roasted Pork Tenderloin. If you have picky eaters at your table, here is a recipe with variations that will please everyone

The holidays are stressful enough, never mind if you feel the need to reinvent your dinner repertoire every time someone new pops over. But at the same time, your taste buds will get tired if you resort to making the same dish over and over again. So there has to be a delicious middle ground.

The idea is simple — pick a cut of meat that is easy to have on hand, simple to prepare for both small groups and crowds, and yet versatile enough to pair with multiple flavours.

An ideal choice? Pork tenderloin. Though delicious and tender, it also is neutral enough to pair wonderfully with numerous ingredients. It's also easy to cook. Simply rub it with olive oil, season with salt and pepper, then roast for about 30 minutes. The entire process takes about 5 minutes hands-on time. Thinly sliced, the tenderloins can be paired with any number of sauces or toppings.

Here are three versions: a tangy butternut squash pesto, a garlic-rich potato purée, and a glaze of cranberries and apple cider. Add some fresh bread and a salad and you've got a great holiday meal that you can repeat multiple times without ever feeling in a rut.

Holiday Roasted Pork Tenderloin

1. Heat the oven to 400 F.
2. Brush or rub olive oil over the surface of each pork tenderloin. Sprinkle each on all sides with salt and pepper. Place the tenderloins in a small roasting



The Holiday Roasted Pork Tenderloin, shown here in its Garlic Potato Purée variation, serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

pan and roast for 30 minutes, or until the centre of the tenderloins reaches 145 F. Slice and serve topped with one of the variations below.

Butternut Squash Pesto

In a food processor, pulse 2 cups of peeled and cubed butternut squash until the pieces are very finely diced. Stir 1/4 cup olive oil into the squash, then spread the mixture on a foil-lined rimmed baking sheet. Bake at 400 F for 12 to 15 minutes, or until tender, but not mushy. Lift the foil off

the pan and place the squash in the freezer to chill for 10 minutes. Once chilled, in a medium bowl stir together the squash, 2 tablespoons lime juice, 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro, 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil, 1/4 cup grated manchego cheese, and salt and black pepper, to taste. Spoon over the pork and top with toasted almonds.

Garlic Potato Purée

In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine 1 cup half-and-half with 3 garlic cloves and 2 bay leaves.

Cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in a covered medium saucepan fitted with a steamer basket and filled with 1 inch of water, steam 2 pounds of peeled and cubed russet potatoes for 15 minutes, or until very tender. Pass the potatoes through a food mill or ricer and into a large bowl. Remove the bay leaves from the half-and-half and discard. In a blender, purée the half-and-half with the garlic until completely smooth. Gradually whisk the half-and-half into the potatoes, allowing it to be absorbed before adding

more. Whisk in 6 tablespoons medium saucepan with salt and black pepper. Sprinkle with chopped fresh thyme, then serve alongside the pork tenderloin.

Cranberry Cider Glaze

In a small saucepan over medium-high, combine 2 cups apple cider with 1 cup fresh cranberries. Bring to a simmer and cook, uncovered, until thickened and reduced to 1 cup. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Meanwhile, in an oiled skillet over

medium-high heat, cook several slices of prosciutto until crisp. When the pork tenderloin is cooked, serve with the glaze and garnished with shards of crisped prosciutto. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- Two 1-lb pork tenderloins
- Olive oil
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper

The latest in appetizers: croquettes

1. In pot over high heat, bring rice, broth and saffron to boil, reduce to low and simmer covered 25 minutes until tender.

Ingredients

- 1 cup (250 ml) U.S. short grain sushi rice
- 2 cups (500 ml) vegetable broth
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) saffron
- 1 lb (454 g) small raw shrimp, peeled
- 1 egg, whisked

2. Pulse shrimp 5 to 6 times in a food processor to a chunky paste. Scrape into a large bowl, stir in egg, frozen peas and feta.

- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen peas
- 1 cup (250 ml) crumbled low-fat feta
- Vegetable oil for frying
- Spicy Aioli**
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) low-fat mayo
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) sambal oelek chili paste

Mix in hot rice to form a loose but sticky mixture that holds its shape when squeezed.

3. Lay a sheet of plastic wrap on surface. Shape 1 cup (250 ml) of mixture into loose shaped log at one end of plastic wrap. Wrap plastic around log, shaping and rolling into a firm 1 1/2 inch (1 cm) round log. Twist ends in opposing directions to compact log shape. Repeat process two more times with remaining rice mixture. Freeze logs for 1 hour to make firm. Unroll logs and slice into 2

inch (5 cm) long pieces.

4. Using a deep-fry thermometer, heat 2 inches (5 cm) of oil in a large pot to 350 F (180 C), fry 6 to 8 croquettes at a time until golden brown. Keep a lid or foil handy as croquettes will spit and crackle. Fry to a golden brown, about 5 to 7 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel lined tray.

5. Spicy Aioli: In small bowl, combine mayonnaise and chili paste.

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This recipe makes about 30 croquettes. RICEINFO.COM

NHL

Iginla lifts Avs past Red Wings

Jarome Iginla scored in the ninth shootout round to lift the Colorado Avalanche to a 2-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Sunday night.

Iginla got a wrist shot past Petr Mrazek, who had turned away six straight Avalanche shooters. Nathan MacKinnon and Matt Duchene also scored in the tiebreaker as Colorado ended a three-game road trip with five points.

Gustav Nyquist and Tomas Tatar had shootout goals for Detroit, which fell to 1-7 this season in the tiebreaker.

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NBA

Raptors dump Knicks for sixth straight victory

On one memorable play Sunday afternoon, Kyle Lowry bolted to save a loose ball, and was running so hard he ran halfway up one of the exit tunnels. He needed to grab onto a railing to slow himself down.

Lowry, who's built his game on hustle and hard work, was at his bulldog-best, scoring 22 points and doling out nine assists to lift the Raptors to their sixth consecutive victory — a 118-108 win over the struggling New York Knicks.

Toronto (22-6) improved to 14-3 at Air Canada Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Cavs make short work of Grizzlies

LeBron James had 25 points and 11 assists, Dion Waiters scored 13 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter and the Cleveland Cavaliers handled one of the Western Conference's best teams, beating the Memphis Grizzlies 105-91 on Sunday.

James scored 16 in the second half and the Cavs shot a season-best 61 per cent from the field to improve to just 3-6 against West teams. The Cavs are 11-3 since their sluggish 5-7 start.

Marc Gasol scored 23 and added 11 rebounds for the Grizzlies, who played without forward Zach Randolph. He's nursing a sore and swollen right knee.

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Steelers defenders Cameron Heyward, top, and Jason Worilds sack Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith in Pittsburgh on Sunday. DON WRIGHT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Retooled Steelers back in playoffs

NFL. Pittsburgh beats Kansas City to earn its first post-season berth in three seasons

The Pittsburgh Steelers spent two years rebuilding themselves on the fly, a necessary process that frequently looked more erratic than inspiring.

Consider the project nearly complete. The surging Steelers are heading back to January.

Ben Roethlisberger passed for 220 yards and a touchdown, Le'Veon Bell added a score and the Steelers locked up a post-season berth with a methodical 20-12 win over the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday.

"It was such a sense of urgency this week, knowing what was at stake," defensive end Cam Heyward said. "I just thought we answered the challenge."

Pittsburgh (10-5) faces Cincinnati next week for the AFC North title. Either way, the Steelers are in the playoffs for the first time since Tim Tebow and Denver stunned the de-

fending AFC champions in the wild-card round three years ago.

That group was on the tail end of a stretch that saw Pittsburgh put together three Super Bowl appearances in six years. This group is decidedly younger. The Steelers won their third straight and are 7-2 since an October loss at Cleveland left them at 3-3.

Those days suddenly seem long ago. Pittsburgh kept the Chiefs in check behind a resurgent pass rush energized by the return of James Harrison.

The 36-year-old linebacker missed last week's win over Atlanta with a knee problem. He returned to pick up 1.5 of Pittsburgh's season-high six sacks.

"We're headed in the right direction," Harrison said.

The Chiefs? Not so much. Alex Smith passed for a season-high 311 yards, but Kansas City lost for the fourth time in five games. The Chiefs need to beat San Diego next week and get some help to make it back to the playoffs for a second straight year under Andy Reid.

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Around the league

Falcons 30, Saints 14. Julio Jones returned from a hip injury to catch seven passes for 107 yards, and Atlanta (6-9) remained in playoff contention.

Panthers 17, Browns 13. Cam Newton threw for one touchdown and ran for another as Carolina (6-8-1) took over sole

possession of first place in the NFC South. The victory sets up the winner-take-all showdown next Sunday at Atlanta.

Packers 20, Buccaneers 3. Aaron Rodgers threw for 318 yards and one touchdown to help the Packers clinch a playoff berth. Green Bay closes the regular season at home against Detroit, and a victory will give the Packers another NFC North crown.

Patriots 17, Jets 16. Jonas Gray scored the go-ahead touchdown on a one-yard run early in the fourth quarter after the Patriots intercepted Geno Smith, and New England clinched a first-round playoff bye.

Cowboys 42, Colts 7. Dallas ended a four-year playoff drought Sunday in a dominating fashion with Tony Romo throwing four touchdown passes. The Cowboys also won the NFC East.



Cowboys QB Tony Romo
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Stars' Horcoff knocks off former teammates

NHL. Ex-Oilers captain notches shootout winner in Dallas' win over Edmonton

Shawn Horcoff scored the winner in the eighth round of the shootout and added a goal in regulation time as the Dallas Stars came from behind to win their fourth straight game, defeating the struggling Edmonton Oilers 6-5 on Sunday.

Tyler Seguin had two goals and an assist and Erik Cole and Jamie Benn also scored for the Stars (14-13-5), who have won five of their last six outings.

Taylor Hall and Mark Arcobello each had two goals and Teddy Purcell had the other for the Oilers (7-20-7), who blew a 5-2 lead in the game.

The Oilers have now lost seven straight and a distressing 18 of their last 19 games.

Edmonton got on the board first, just three minutes in, with a power-play goal. Stars



Stars forward Tyler Seguin celebrates one of his two third-period goals in a come-from-behind win over the Oilers on Sunday night in Edmonton.

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starter Kari Lehtonen made the stop on a Jordan Eberle shot, but Hall came racing in to shoot in the rebound from a tough angle. The goal ended a career-high 11-game scoring drought for Hall.

Dallas pulled even 3-1/2

minutes later as the rebound from a Jyrki Jokipakka shot through traffic was corralled by Horcoff in front, and the former Oiler batted the puck through the legs of Edmonton goalie Ben Scrivens.

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Blackhawks beat up on Leafs

Maple Leafs defenceman Cody Franson pushes Blackhawks centre Jonathan Toews from the front of James Reimer's net on Sunday night at United Center in Chicago. Patrick Kane had a power-play goal and two assists, leading the Blackhawks to a 4-0 victory over Toronto.

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Canadian juniors get exhibition win over Sweden



Sweden's Jacob de la Rose takes a hit from Canada's Frederik Gauthier, left, and Madison Bowey on Sunday night in Ottawa.

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Canada got goals from five different skaters en route to a 5-2 victory over Sweden in world junior exhibition play on Sunday.

Max Domi, Josh Morrissey, Anthony Duclair, Shea Theodore and Sam Reinhart scored for Canada while Eric Comrie made 17 saves.

Gustav Forsling and William Nylander had goals for Sweden, which got a 28-save performance from Samuel Ward.

This was Canada's first game since finalizing its roster for the IIHF world junior championship Saturday.

On Sunday

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Canada

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Sweden

ter for the IIHF world junior championship Saturday. The tournament gets underway Dec. 26 with Canada taking on Slovakia in Montreal.

It was also Connor Mc-

David's first game since he suffered a broken bone in his right hand on Nov. 11, and Curtis Lazar's first game since being loaned to the team by the Ottawa Senators.

The duo played together with Nick Ritchie and while they didn't score, they created a number of solid scoring chances.

The trio of Domi, Duclair and Reinhart continue to display chemistry and were once again dangerous around the net as they combined for six points, including three goals.

Leading 3-1 to start the third, Canada extended its lead on Theodore's goal at the six-minute mark of the final period. Theodore picked up his own rebound and beat Ward glove side.

Reinhart rounded out his line's scoring as he picked up a power-play goal midway through the period, beating Ward short side under the arm.

Nylander, a Leafs prospect, made it 5-2 as he beat Comrie on a penalty shot late in the third period.

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Speedskating

Canadian men win silver together

The Canadian men's relay team won a silver medal Sunday while Charles Hamelin added a bronze in the men's 500-metre race on the final day of a World Cup stop in Seoul.

Hamelin, Patrick Duffy, Charle Cournoyer and Samuel Girard finished in second place in seven minutes 1.373 seconds, behind the Netherlands and ahead of China.

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Alpine skiing

Crash keeps Vonn waiting for record

American Lindsey Vonn's bid for a record-equalling 62nd World Cup win will have to wait a little while longer.

The four-time World Cup winner crashed out of Sunday's super-G race in Val d'Isere, France. Elisabeth Goergl beat Olympic champion Anna Fenninger by .05 seconds to lead an Austrian 1-2.

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Vonn did no damage to her troublesome right knee but landed heavily on her right elbow in Sunday's crash.

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Women's soccer

North Korea leaps Canada in rankings

Canada has fallen one spot to No. 9 in the FIFA world women's soccer rankings.

North Korea vaulted past the Canadian women in the latest list, jumping four places to No. 7.

Germany moved into top spot, relegating the U.S. to second spot. France rose one place to third, dropping defending World Cup champion Japan to fourth.

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More bronze than ever

Ronaldo unveils statue in Portugal

Cristiano Ronaldo has unveiled a statue of himself on his home island of Madeira in Portugal.

Ronaldo calls the larger-than-life bronze statue "prettier than me," according to Spanish news agency Europa Press.

The 29-year-old Real Madrid forward helped the Spanish team win the Club World Cup in Morocco on Saturday.



Cristiano Ronaldo with his statue on Sunday.

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March 21 - April 20

Colleagues and employers may need convincing that what you are planning is going to work but it won't bother you because you have self-belief. It'll be a great week for starting projects.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You like surprises and that's just as well because they will be arriving every few minutes over the next couple of days. Be adventurous. Be outrageous.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Keep your wits about you today or you could lose out financially. Someone you think is a friend is actually a secret rival, so don't don't accept what they tell you without checking it out first.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

This will be an interesting time and many strange things are likely to happen over the next few days. Chances are you will meet people who challenge your worldview.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Break free of habits that hold you back from realizing your potential and today's new moon will help. Look at the big picture over the next 24 hours.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

This is one of the best times of the year for trying new things. Make the most of today's new moon to branch out creatively and do things you never have.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

A personal issue that has been causing you problems will take a turn for the better. The most important thing is that you don't try to hang on to what is now moving out of your life.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Wherever you go and whatever you do today you will meet people who inspire you to be bigger and better. You will also, in your own small way, be an inspiration to others.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Unexpected changes may unsettle you today but it won't be long before you regain your balance and find ways to make them pay.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Today's new moon in your sign makes this one of the very best times of the year, especially for creative endeavors and affairs of the heart. Tackle life head on.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Someone you are close to is likely to do something that shocks you but you should have seen it coming. Why not show how much they mean to you with unconditional support?

♓ Pisces

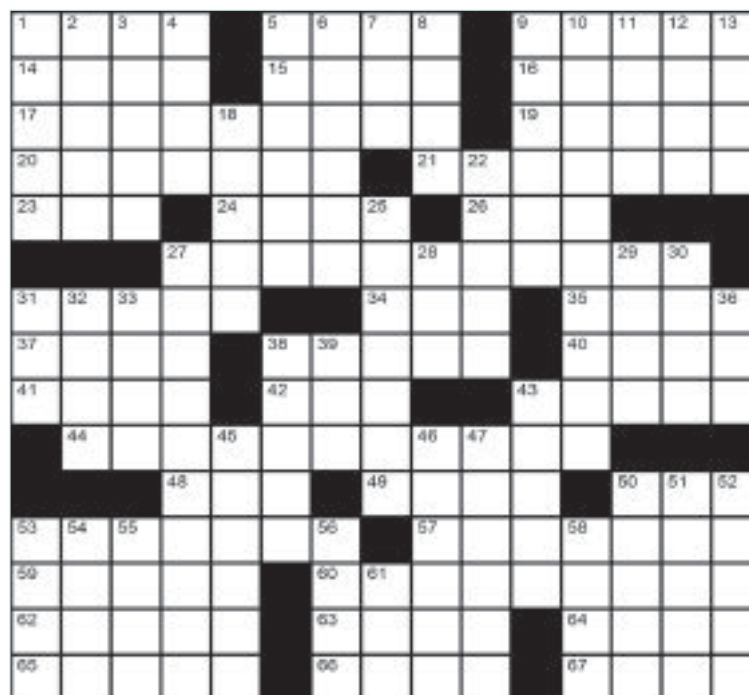
Feb. 20 - March 20

You will get the red carpet treatment wherever you go today. But you cannot possibly accept every invitation that comes your way, so be selective.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. "___ Christmas" by Wham!
5. Father-in-law for Esau
9. "We Three Kings of Orient Are" part: "___ of wonder..."
14. Noted volcano
15. Deviate
16. Elbow: French
17. 2008 Canadian short film starring Jonathan Torrens about Christmas foliage that retaliates
19. Bit ___ blood (Tension)
20. Festive decoration
21. Gongs
23. Select
24. Centimetre, e.g.
26. Celebrity's agt.
27. Manitoba: ___ Provincial Park
31. Handles on swords
34. Be in debt
35. Wash-and-___
37. In the blink ___ eye: 2 wds.
38. Like porridge bits
40. Mr. Foley
41. Ancient's 53
42. Drollness
43. Dancer Mr. Kelly's
44. As per #60-Across... Kevin's mom played by Canadian actress Catherine O'Hara, Kate ___
48. Green, for one
49. Max ___ (World



Chess Champion of 1935 to 1937)
50. Telly-watcher's network
53. Tropical destinations
57. Hanukkah candelabrum
59. Eye-related prefix
60. 1990 Christmas-time movie comedy starring Macaulay

Culkin: 2 wds.

62. Christmas tune: "Do You Hear What ___?"
63. Enthusiastic
64. Chop the veggies
65. "___ luck to ya!" (Hope ya win!)
66. French 'words'
67. Swill

Down

1. Free: 2 wds.
2. "It's ___!" (Crook-to-crook warning)
3. Hagar the Horrible's dog
4. Weight unit in China
5. More level or fair
6. Four-wheeled carriage
7. Association, briefly
8. Da's Russian opposite
9. Christmas tune: "___, Come, Emmanuel"
10. Skiing surface sort: 2 wds.
11. Big brass?
12. Eve's beloved
13. Wine hues
18. Jazz improvisations

22. Liv Tyler's 'Lord of the Rings' movies part
25. Terrier type, commonly
27. Visitor in Clement Clarke Moore's famous Christmas poem: 2 wds.
28. Sheep sort
29. Hollywood icon James
30. Conserve
31. Christmas, e.g.
32. "Let me know ___ in your way."
33. Secular
36. Home base, shortly
38. Baby barn bird
39. Garlic: French
43. Actress Ms. Davis
45. Northern Lights = ___ Borealis
46. Mountain's top
47. Some fabrics
50. Way to cook
51. Baccarat call
52. Little bird's sound
53. Churn
54. Lingering noise
55. Cooking fat
56. Pillow cover
58. Alberta town
61. Egg-related prefix

Friday's Crossword



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Friday's Sudoku



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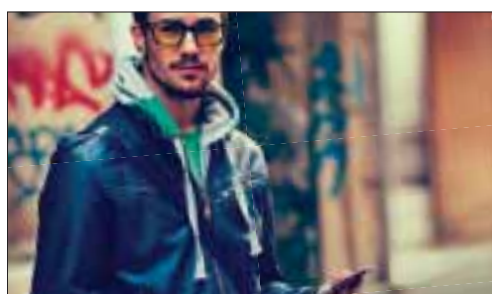


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